

OUTLOOK ROSY TO RESERVE BOARD

Trend of General Business Conditions is Upward

BANKING CONDITIONS GOOD

Claim Made That Federal Reserve System Proved Efficiency in Period Of Depression—Revival Indicated

Washington.—The trend of general industrial and business conditions, as traced by the Federal Reserve Board in its annual report just made public, points upward.

This report—recognized as a barometer of industry—indicates the bottom of depression was hit in the latter part of last year and tacitly predicts a gradual and substantial betterment.

The salient points in this official financial review of 1921 are:

A favorable industrial reaction has been manifest in banking conditions, which will be reflected in every industry.

The success of the Federal Reserve system is finally proved. Sustainment of the system has satisfactorily aided over the major industries, particularly the farmers, through the period of depression.

The depression era was much worse than generally believed. Governor W. P. G. Harding, chief of the system, analyzed every development. He refrained as much as possible from predictions of the future, but his business charts clearly indicate the expectation of a general revival.

"The report will doubtless shed much light upon the unprecedented conditions with which the credit and banking organizations of the country, and more particularly the Federal Reserve system has had to deal," Harding stated.

"The great economic reaction was not reflected immediately in the operations of the system, for while the fall in commodity prices, which began in the case of silk in March, 1920, had extended in a spectacular degree to practically all commodities by October, the expansion of the loans of the Reserve banks continued until early in November."

There were continuous advances in the gold reserve ratio during the entire year. Through the last three years the ratio increased from 40 to 70 per cent.

LANDIS TO AID LEGION.

Says Organization Is Greatest Insurance Policy U. S. Has.

Chicago.—Judge K. M. Landis, who announced his resignation from the Federal bench Saturday told of his plans to devote more time to the American Legion besides his duties as the supreme dictator of Organized Baseball.

"The American Legion is the greatest insurance policy this nation has," he said. "It is our standing guaranty of peace and liberty. I am deeply devoted to the Legion and shall help in whatever way I can."

Judge Landis said that one of the first things he will do when he leaves the bench will be to make a swing around the baseball training camps in the South.

"I'm a rookie at this game myself," he said. "I want to study the training systems. There has been some complaint the promising rookies have not been given a fair show. Some of them claim that they have 'arrived' but were not given an opportunity to prove it. Some of them, on the other hand, think that they have 'arrived' when they are not ripe. I want to have a look at this spring-training system and study it."

KILLS WIFE AND HIMSELF.

Chauffeur Had Gone To Effect A Reconciliation.

New York.—Sidney Thompson, 29, a chauffeur, shot and killed his wife, Hannah, 23, and then himself, according to the police of Rockaway Beach. The murder and suicide occurred in the home of the wife's uncle, Benjamin McKeage, in Jamaica. Thompson and his wife, police said, had been separated. They had two children, Arthur, 4, and Vernon, 2.

Thompson went to Jamaica to try to effect a reconciliation.

When he reached the uncle's home, Thompson pleaded to be permitted to "talk things over" with his wife. They had been together but a few minutes when Thompson drew a revolver, fired at his wife and then shot himself. Both died instantly.

START CARUSO MEMORIAL.

Widow And Daughter Hear Cheers Of Tribute At Concert.

New York.—Metropolitan opera singers, former fellow-artists of Enrico Caruso, and thousands of his admirers from every class of New York society Sunday assisted in a concert at the Metropolitan Opera House to launch a campaign for a \$1,000,000 Caruso Memorial Foundation as an aid to students of music.

MEXICAN GENERAL ARRESTED.

Alberto Held On Suspicion Of Aiding Revolutionists.

Mexico City.—General Alberto, formerly of the Federal Army, has been arrested at Torreón on suspicion of aiding revolutionary activities in behalf of General Fabela, General Marrero and General Murguía, said a dispatch from that city. Federal cavalry from General Escobar's command is pursuing the Torreón rebels into the mountains.

Text Of President Harding's Letter

Washington.—The text of the President's letter regarding soldiers' bonus, which was addressed to Chairman Fordney of the House Ways and Means Committee, follows:

In accordance with the promise made to yourself and your associates on the Senate and House committees charged with the responsibility of formulating the proposed bonus legislation, I have carefully looked into the program of taxation which has been suggested. In addition thereto I have made inquiry into the feasibility of issuing either short-time Treasury notes or long-time bonds to meet the financial obligations which the proposed legislation will impose. It is not possible to commend to you either of the plans suggested.

General Sales Tax Is Best Plan.

It continues to be my best judgment that any compensation legislation enacted at this time ought to carry with it the provisions for raising the needed revenues, and I find myself unable to suggest any commendable plan other than that of a general sales tax. Such a tax will distribute the cost of rewarding the ex-service men in such manner that it will be borne by all the people whom they served and does not commit the Government to class imposition of taxes or the resumption of the burdens recently repealed, the maintenance of which can be justified only by a great war emergency.

It is fully realized how great is the difficulty which confronts the Congress in solving this difficult problem. I am aware of the strong sentiment in Congress in favor of this adjusted compensation. I have spoken approvingly myself, always with the reservation that the bestowal shall be made when it may be done without such injury to the country as will nullify the benefits to the ex-service men themselves which this expression of gratitude is designed to bestow.

Opposes Piecemeal Payment Plan.

It is not an agreeable thing to suggest that action be postponed again, but, frankly, I do not find myself favorable to the piecemeal payment plan which is manifestly designed to avoid embarrassment to the Treasury. The long drawn-out payment will not afford an effective helplessness to the service men.

We have no serious problem in beginning the allotments of public lands and the immediate issue of paid-up insurance. The real difficulty lies in the payment of the cash bonus. Rather than provide that the maximum cash payments shall extend over a period of 2½ years, it would be a vastly better bestowal if we could await the day when we may safely undertake to

pay at once in full so that the award may be turned to real advantage.

Big Strain Now Upon The Treasury.

Inasmuch as the Treasury is to be called upon to meet more than \$6,000,000,000 of maturing obligations in the 16 months immediately before us, it is not possible to recommend the issue of several hundred millions of additional short-time notes. Further excessive borrowings would likely undo all that has been accomplished in readjusting interest rates and stabilizing the financial world, both vitally essential to the resumption of industrial and commercial activities.

Granting that it is not fair to oppose any proposed plan without offering a substitute, let me repeat that I believe the American people will accept the levy of a general sales tax to meet the proposed bonus payments, and we should contribute thereby no added difficulties to the problems of readjustment. If Congress will not adopt such a plan, it would be wise to let the legislation go over until there is a situation which will justify the large outlay. We are pushing the disposition of surplus war property and have other transactions under consideration which ought to prove a great relief to the Federal Treasury. It is not consistent to enact legislation in anticipation of these things, but it would be a prudent plan to await the developments, and I can see in such a postponement no lack of regard for the service men, in whom all the American people are so genuinely interested.

Taking Care Of The Disabled.

I take it that the ex-service men themselves are no less concerned than others about the restoration of business and the return to abundant employment. Those of their wounded or sick comrades who were impaired by their war service are being cared for with the most liberal generosity the nation can bestow. There are here and there exceptional cases of neglect, and attending complaint, but we are seeking them out and correcting with all possible speed. It has not been possible to meet all the demands for special hospitalization, but we are building to that end, without counting the cost. We are expending \$400,000,000 a year in compensation, hospitalization and rehabilitation. These things are needed to reassure you that such delay as will enable Congress to act in prudence for the common good will have no suggestion of unkindness or ingratitude.

Praised By Calder.

Senator Calder of New York, a Republican member of the Senate Finance Committee, issued a statement commending President Harding's stand and declaring that all proposals for a cash bonus should be abandoned. "In the present state of the nation's finances," said Senator Calder, "it would be a mistake to pay a cash bonus."

Disabled Soldiers Ask Delay.

Washington.—A committee of disabled former service men now patients at Walter Reed Hospital called on President Harding and left with him a petition asking postponement of bonus legislation until Congress enacts legislation satisfying the disabled soldiers' demands as to insurance compensation.

PROBES ACTIONS OF PRIEST.

Prosecution Traces His Moves On Night Of Half-Brother's Murder.

Montreal.—The prosecution in the case of Father Adelard Delorme, charged with murdering his half-brother, Raoul, is seeking evidence concerning the priest's movements on the night of the crime.

It is alleged Father Delorme took Raoul for an auto ride, shot him and threw his body out at the roadside, the motive being to get his estate and life insurance. Neighbors of Father Delorme told investigators they heard the engine of his car running at 11 P. M. the night of the murder. The accused contends he merely started the motor to see if it would run smoothly, as the night was cold. The trial starts February 21.

LARGEST SPINY LOBSTER.

Bureau Of Fisheries Receives A Remarkable Specimen.

Washington.—The Bureau of Fisheries received the largest spiny lobster in captivity. The length of the body, measured from between the horns to the end of the tail, is slightly more than 15 inches, while the total length of body and tail is 17 inches. The total length, including the antennae, is 36 inches and the weight 12 pounds.

This is the largest specimen of which the bureau has a record and will be placed in the National Museum. It was captured off the Florida Coast of the Gulf of Mexico with an ordinary hook and line—a terrible "sucker" for a big fellow.

GENERAL MacARTHUR WEDS.

Mrs. Louise Cromwell Brooks Becomes His Bride.

Palm Beach, Fla.—Mrs. Louise Cromwell Brooks, of Philadelphia and Washington, and Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur, son of the late Lieutenant General MacArthur, were married here at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. John Kearney Mitchell, and the bridegroom by James Cromwell.

ARMY WOULD TRAIN 227,000 THIS YEAR

War Department Announces Plans for Summer Camps

AMPLE FUNDS EXPECTED

Officials Confident Necessary Funds Will Be Provided By Congress—Made To Be Training Center.

Washington.—More than a quarter of a million men are expected by War Department officials to be under canvas or in barracks this summer for intensive military training for the first time since Congress welded the regular Army, the National Guard and the organized reserves into a composite body constituting the Army of the United States. Plans for the instruction of 227,000 men, representing the three components of the united land forces, were announced by the department.

Ample funds for the program are expected by officials of the Department to be made available by Congress by that time, and while the plans are made contingent upon the amount of money appropriated, officials feel confident the necessary sum will be allowed for their full development. In addition to the regular Army personnel required to supervise the training work under commanders of the nine corps areas, there will be approximately 160,000 members of the National Guard in the field, about 30,000 reserve officers and specialists, 10,000 student members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and 27,000 civilians.

The plans provide for the training of National Guardsmen preferably in their own States or at the nearest suitable Federal or State encampment. Wherever Federal cantonments are available they will be offered to the States under revocable contracts. Most of the training of the organized reserves and members of the citizen military training camps will be at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont; Camp Devens, Mass.; Plattsburg Barracks, New York; Camp Dix, N. J.; Camp Meade, Md.; Camp Bragg, N. C.; Camp Benning, Ga.; Camp McClellan, Ala.; Camp Knox, Ky.; Camp Custer, Mich.; Camp Grant, Ill.; Fort Snelling, Minnesota; Camp Funston, Kan.; Camp Travis, Tex.; Fort Logan, Colorado; Camp Lewis, Wash.; Presidio of San Francisco and the Presidio of Monterey, Cal.

The courses for organized reserve personnel will be limited according to law to two weeks. Demonstrations by small units of the Regular Army will be staged at each training encampment to illustrate standards of proficiency in drills and tactical methods in force and maneuver problems.

The department announced that applications for attendance at the citizens' training camp will be accepted after April 1 at the various corps headquarters, including Fort Howard, Maryland.

WOULD CONVERT CRUISERS.

Roosevelt Advocates Transforming Vessels Into Airplane Carriers.

Washington.—Conversion of the hulls of two battle cruisers now building into the latest type of airplane carriers was advocated before the House Naval Affairs Committee by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt. He pointed out that such conversion was authorized under the naval treaty, and that a large saving could be effected if the cruiser hulls were used as airplane carriers instead of being scrapped entirely.

MINERS HAVE CLOSE CALL.

350 Narrowly Escape When Shaft In Indiana Caves In.

Evansville, Ind.—Between 350 and 400 miners escaped death in the Big Vein Coal Company mine at Princeton when the shaft of the mine caved in. Many of the miners were knocked down when the many tons of earth fell into the pit mouth. Thirty-five mules are imprisoned in the mine with no way to get them out. The miners escaped by the airshaft. The damage is estimated at \$10,000.

LANDIS' RESIGNATION IN.

Communication Received By President Harding—Is Brief.

Washington.—The resignation of Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis reached the White House Monday in the morning mail. The resignation was in the handwriting of the Judge, and was characteristically brief. It read as follows: "Dear Mr. President: 'I resign as district judge of the Northern District of Illinois, effective March 1, 1922. Very respectfully, 'KENESAW M. LANDIS.'"

RADIO SERVICE FOR PRESS.

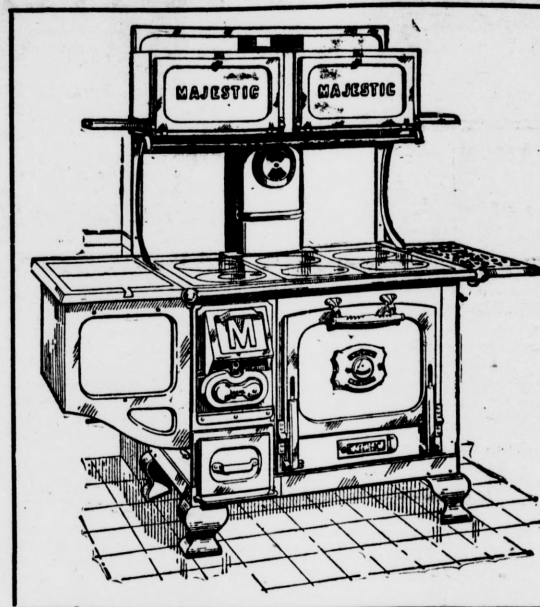
Senate Adopts House Resolution Extending Naval Privileges.

Washington.—The House resolution extending privileges of naval radio service to the press for five years was adopted by the Senate.

JAPAN TO LET MRS. SANGER IN.

Tokio.—Mrs. Margaret Sanger, noted advocate of birth control, will be permitted to land in Japan despite the refusal of the Japanese Consul-General at San Francisco to vouch for her passport. It was learned officially. The official refusal of visa is regarded as a hint to Mrs. Sanger that she is not wanted here and will not be allowed to advocate birth control if she persists in coming, although she will be allowed to land.

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"LOVE! H—L!"

SYNOPSIS.—Occupying a dilapidated shack in the Silent City, a squatter settlement near Ithaca, New York, Polly Hopkins lives with her father, small Jerry, and an old woman, Granny Hope. On an adjacent farm, Oscar Bennett, prosperous farmer, is a neighbor. He is secretly married to Evelyn Robertson, supposedly wealthy girl of the neighborhood. Polly alone knows their secret. Marcus MacKenzie, who owns the ground the squatters occupy, is their determined enemy. Polly overhears a conversation between MacKenzie and a stranger, in which the former avows his intention of driving the squatters from his land. The stranger sympathizes with the squatters, and earns Polly's gratitude. Evelyn Robertson discovers from her mother that they are not rich, as she supposed, but practically living on the bounty of Robert Percival, Evelyn's cousin.

CHAPTER III.

As she ran, Polly Hopkins cogitated on MacKenzie's words. Evelyn's mother had said that she was as odd as she was filthy.

Mrs. Robertson! The arrogant woman who lived on the hill in a house almost big enough to hold every person in the Silent City ought not to say anything against the squatters. If the grand lady only knew it, her own daughter had stooped to a trick such as would put to shame any hut-woman. A squatter wife would not leave her man to do for himself or deny him before the world. Added to Polly's personal humiliation was MacKenzie's threat against Daddy Hopkins.

The hope Robert Percival's words had instilled in her seemed to die as she traveled, and her heart beat with fear, for should Old Marc get his fingers on Daddy Hopkins, Polly had no doubt there would be nothing but imprisonment for him and the graveyard for her and Jerry. She could not think of life without her father. Not a single night had she ever been away from his kindly love and attention—and wee Jerry! A vivid picture rose before her of the baby's grief if he could not straddle daddy's neck and play his father was a horse.

When she reached the top of the ragged rocks, she pulled up and cast a glance out over the lake. The calling of her name made her turn swiftly. Recognizing Evelyn Robertson's voice, she waited while the other girl came down the path from MacKenzie's woods. She was quite unlike the little squatter. A fashionable raincoat protected her from the wet; and she carried a light umbrella in her gloved hand. The greeting between them was one of embarrassment.

"I were goin' to find my daddy," Polly explained. "He's somewhere along the lake. I didn't know I'd come on you this mornin'."

The memory of Mrs. Robertson's words brought a rush of color to her face, and she looked down at her feet. There surged up in her a feeling that she did not want anything to do with any of these people. Why should she? They were rich; and she was only a squatter brat! She started to walk away.

"I said," she flung over her shoulder, "I were lookin' for my daddy. Goodbye."

Evelyn Robertson was not interested in Jeremiah Hopkins. As far as she was concerned, the whole Silent City might be washed off into the waves and carried away. Her own troubles filled her mind. The shock of her mother's disclosure stunned her, for without the help she had expected, she could see no way out of Oscar Bennett's clutches. In the meantime, the squatter girl was her only means of communication.

"Wait, Pollyop, wait a minute! I came down just to speak to you."

Wheeling slowly around, Polly faced her.

"What do you want?" she asked in surly tones.

"Pollyop," ejaculated Evelyn, coming swiftly to her side, "I'm almost scared to death. My cousin, Bob—oh, you've got to help me again!"

Bob! Then the soldier in the uniform was Evelyn's cousin. Bob! That was the nicest name in all the world, a name fitted for the man who had dropped into the Silent City to help along the squatters. Suddenly her mood changed. She forgot Oscar Bennett and his odious words, forgot that the girl crying for her aid had allowed her mother to say dreadful things against her and Daddy Hopkins. If Evelyn were related to the soldier, then Polly Hopkins would do anything Miss Robertson asked of her.

"What do you want?" she repeated shyly, blushing.

"It's this," answered Evelyn. "Mr. MacKenzie's home—and my cousin came with him. My cousin, Robert Percival!"

"Is your cousin a handsome feller with long legs an' a face—"

Pollyop stopped for lack of words. How could she describe the fine, sympathetic countenance she had seen from the hut roof?

"Yes," Evelyn interjected, "Bob's awfully good-looking, and he's tall too. Now listen, Pollyop; you must go to Oscar again for me this very day—Oh, dear, he's so mean to me!"

Polly considered the pretty face a moment. She could not understand why the home-coming of the cousin and Old Marc should make Evelyn so flustered. With her steady eyes upon her she was studying over this question when Evelyn burst forth:

"Tell Oscar I haven't any money! I just can't get it now! And, Pollyop, tell him too that he mustn't write me any more letters. My mother—well, if she found one of them, she'd turn me out of the house."

Polly's mouth flew open. She could not conceive of a girl doing anything

in the world bad enough to make her mother turn her out of her home.

"Lordy! Would she, now?" she gasped.

"My mother's proud," said Evelyn, in excuse. "You know that, Polly."

Certainly Polly knew it! Hadn't she ducked out of sight of the unsympathetic lady many a time when lurking near the Robertson home with a message from Oscar to Evelyn?

"I don't know what I will do, Polly," the other girl went on, "if you don't help me—and some time I'll really do something for you."

A temptation to blurt out the words Marcus MacKenzie had spoken assailed the squatter girl; but Evelyn looked worried! Polly's heart was as soft as the velvet in her eyes when she came upon trouble of any kind.

"You've been good to wee Jerry," she interposed gently. "Awful good. He most giggles his little life away when I bring him the goodies you send him."

"I'm going to do a lot for both of you," returned Evelyn impulsively, "and today I brought this bag of candy for the baby. Here! Take it! And you'll go to Oscar for me as soon as you can, won't you?"

Smiling, Polly slipped the package of sweets into her pocket. She could forgive anything against herself for the sake of seeing wee Jerry smile and hearing him crow over the contents of the small bag.

"Yep," she agreed, "an' say all you tell me to. But what if he kicks up a row? He's gettin' awful pernickity, Oscar is!"

A sharp cry from Evelyn was followed by:

"Tell him he mustn't! Make him promise he won't! And—and, Pollyop, I'll tell you something else, if you'll promise never to tell."

"I never told anything yet, have I?" Pollyop protested in low, indignant tones.

"No one must ever know about Oscar and me," Evelyn began, still harping upon the great fear that obsessed her, "because—"

"Because of your ma," interrupted Polly. "Sure I know that!"

A slim hand was raised in partial protest.

"Mother's an awful worry to me sometimes, but it's not she altogether. But—but—"

"Then—then—it's your fine-lookin' cousin," came brokenly from Polly, during the pause in Miss Robertson's statement.

"Of course, I wouldn't have him know for anything," Evelyn nodded assent. "Oh, goodness, I might as well tell it and get it over. I love some one else, and he loves me, Pollyop. I want to be his wife more than I've ever wanted anything before. He's wealthy, dear, and I've got to marry him."

Polly's face gathered a shocked expression. How could she marry any one when she was already wedded to Oscar Bennett? By any law Polly knew of, a girl could not have two husbands at the same time. Even the squatters, in their careless way of living, did nothing like that.

"You can't tie up to no other man while you belong to Oscar, Miss Eve," she ventured gravely.

"Well, I know it; of course I know it," retorted Evelyn, resenting the censure in the other's tones; "but I've got to be free. I'm so frantic, I don't care how."

That was the end of that. Evelyn's face expressed it.

Her description of mending the roof brought a wry smile to his face. She sat on his knee while he smoked his pipe and chattered of the little intimate things of the lakeside, and later sent him and Jerry off to Larry Bishop's shack, feeling the better for food and warmth and love.

At five o'clock, milk-pail in hand, she took the lane that led to the Bennett farm. Nothing but her promise to Evelyn would have dragged her again that day into Oscar's presence.

For did she consider that the message he had to deliver would incline the farmer to be very generous in the matter of milk. Suppose he demanded pay for it on the basis he had suggested!

She rounded the building and went to the cow stables. On a nail in the wall hung a lantern, and the farmer sat milking a cow.

"Hello, Oscar," was her greeting. "I saw Miss Eve, but I didn't tell her 'bout the kisses you wanted."

Bennett turned and studied her curiously, taking quick stock of her, even the brown of her bare feet. No, he did not make a mistake in summing up that morning.

"You better hadn't," he growled, without interrupting his work. "I suppose you brought me some fool message from her, eh?"

Having finished milking, he rose and stood with the shining pail of milk in his hand. "You sent you, didn't she?"

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GENUINE TEST

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As regards the ash, it is a common fallacy that white ash is a sign of a fine, and dark ash the sign of an inferior, leaf. The real truth is that the color depends upon the strength of the tobacco.

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Nature Note.

There never was an elephant that didn't look as though he ought to have his pants pressed.

The opportunity of a lifetime seldom comes heralded by a brass band.

feet almost touching the water as it hurried by to the lake. On his shoulders, with his legs wound tightly around the man's neck, sat a small boy, little more than a baby. He was shivering with cold, and, as the spring rain shot its drops upon his face, he lifted a small hand and brushed them away. Seemingly oblivious of the weight against his swarthy head, the man picked up a fish and contemplated it with a scowl. Then he proceeded to clean it deftly.

The silence was unbroken for a long time except by the rushing of the water, the gruesome running of the knives over the fish scales and a little whimper, now and then, from the child astride the man's neck.

"I heard in town," broke forth Lye Braeger, "that Old Marc MacKenzie's comin' home. Here's where us squatters get h—l flung at us good and plenty."

Jeremiah Hopkins stopped his work and frowned at the speaker.

"He'd best be a-lookin' out for hisself," he muttered. "Mebbe he'll get a taste of the hot place if he does any struttin' around the Silent City."

"Mebbe," repeated Larry Bishop, and no more. Marcus MacKenzie, handsome, snug and rich, had been the instrument that had moved the hands of the law to swing open the prison doors and shove Larry Bishop inside just when his young wife needed him most.

Once in sight of the roaring water, rushing in torrents from the Bad Man's ravine, Polly sent out a peculiar little trill; and the hoarse answer of a man's voice mingled with its echo as it struck the enormous, up-roaring rock slabs.

Polly's heart bounded and lost its heavy weight of fear. Daddy Hopkins had responded ponderously to her first call. In another moment she was crawling up the jagged sides of the deep gulf. As she came up to them, Hopkins' companions waved her a greeting, but stopped their work at the sight of her sober face.

"What's up, lassie?" demanded Hopkins. "You ain't seen a ghost, have you?"

"Worse'n that, Daddy," she replied. "Much worse'n that! Old Marc's home, an' I heard him say he's going to root us squatters out of the Silent City."

A brute-like glare flashed into Larry Bishop's eyes.

"Did he, now, brat?" he muttered, taking up his knife and looking at it.

Polly squatted down beside her father, slipping one hand under his arm. The other she gave to the child, who grasped it eagerly.

"Did he, now?" came in repetition from Bishop's throat.

"Yep," asserted Pollyop, with an emphatic bob of her head, "an' I come to tell you all you'd best be a-lookin' out for 'im. Daddy, he says you're the worst man in the settlement, but everybody knows he's a liar."

"He'd best be lookin' out for his own hide," Hopkins shot back like a flash of steel. "I ain't in no mind to stand much of his guff, the dirty dunder."

Withdrawing her arm from her father's, she leaned her chin on her hand. She wanted to urge them not to worry too much, to tell them of the other man, rich like old Marc, who had expressed in tender tones a kindly interest in their welfare. Somehow, though, the words would not come. The peaceful figure did not fit in with the understanding that expressed it.

"Sure, So 'Tis," answered Polly. "But 'Tain't Everything in the World."

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GENUINE TEST

The sharper the point the better the cigar.

As regards the ash, it is a common fallacy that white ash is a sign of a fine, and dark ash the sign of an inferior, leaf. The real truth is that the color depends upon the strength of the tobacco.

A very mild and cheap cigar will give a pure white ash. The finest and most delicate of ripe strength produces a darkish ash. It does not follow that a cigar which burns imperfectly is bad tobacco. You may have a lighted cigar that it may be clumsily made.

Brooklyn Eagle.

Nature Note.

There never was an elephant that didn't look as though he ought to have his pants pressed.

The opportunity of a lifetime seldom comes heralded by a brass band.

go along home with Poll, an' get het up a bit."

The child set up a howl that flung itself back and forth in squealing echoes from side to side of the ravine, but the struggle of unloosening wee Jerry's fingers from his father's thick hair was short and sharp.

"Take him home, brat," said Jeremiah to Pollyop. "He's like a frog, poor imp. We got a full hour's work yet."

With the child's hand in hers, Polly looked at her father.

"Come when you can, Daddy. I got a s'prise for you."

"Good little kid, your girl is, Jeremiah," droned Braeger, and he grunted as he straightened out his legs.

Hopkins bent over to catch another glimpse of his child.

"Yep," he agreed, a wavering smile touching his lips. "God love 'er! She's like her ma was at her age—as near like as two peas in a pod."

CHAPTER IV.

On entering the shack Pollyop found Granny Hope still asleep. Then she replenished the fire and sat down with Jerry on her lap. She disrobed him, dried the small body, and placed him on the cot under the blankets. Another piece of candy was popped into the ever-ready little mouth; and he cuddled down contentedly.

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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 26

ELISHA'S HEAVENLY DEFENDERS

LESSON TEXT.—II Kings 6:8-23.
GOLDEN TEXT.—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.—Ps. 34:7.
REFERENCE MATERIAL.—Dan. 6:1-23; Heb. 1:14; 1:17.

PRIMARY TOPIC.—God Takes Care of Elisha.
JUNIOR TOPIC.—Elisha and the Armies of Jehovah.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC.—Our Unseen Defenders.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC.—What Faith in the Unseen Can Do for Us.

1. The Syrian King Sorely Troubled (vv. 8-12).

1. The King's plan. (v. 8). His method was a kind of guerrilla warfare—armed bands made incursions into the enemy's territory. He determined as to where camps should be located so as to intercept Israel's army. His plan was clever, but his great mistake was that he left God out of his calculations. There is one place where all plans and movements are known (Heb. 4:13).

2. The enemy's movements disclosed (v. 9). The man of God, knowing the enemy's movements, was able to tell the king about them. Elisha's advice was more than a match for the wily plans of the shrewd Ben-hadad. Israel's safety lay more in the man of God than in his warriors.

3. The king of Israel heeded Elisha's word (v. 10). This was true wisdom. By obeying the prophet's words he saved himself and army many times. Those who are truly wise heed the divine warnings. Great blessings would come to men if they would heed the warnings of Scripture.

4. The Syrian king's perplexity (vv. 11, 12). In his perplexity he assembled his servants and demanded that the traitor be made known. He believed that some were playing into the hands of the enemy; therefore he would put an end to the treachery. This was denied, and one of his servants declared that the king's movements were reported by Elisha the prophet, even telling to the king of Israel what Ben-hadad spoke in his bedchamber. Ben-hadad was worried not because of his sins, but because his plans miscarried.

5. The Syrian King Tries to Trap Elisha (vv. 13-15).

1. He sent an army to capture him (vv. 13, 14). Upon learning that Elisha was making known his actions, he determined to put an end to the matter by trapping him and making him a prisoner. How foolish to put human cunning against divine wisdom. Horses and chariots are useless when God is against us. God's purposes cannot be thwarted. If God be for us, who can be against us?

2. Elisha's servant frightened (v. 15). When he awoke one morning he saw that an armed host was encamping about the city. Viewed from the human standpoint, we do not wonder that he was frightened.

3. Elisha's encouragement (v. 16). He assured his servant that, though they were surrounded by the Syrian army, there was a mightier host of heavenly defenders round about them. Elisha did not shut his eyes to the real danger, but looked to the helpers of God watching about them.

4. Elisha's prayer (v. 17). He asked that the Lord would open the eyes of his servant so as to see spiritual things. When the Lord opened the eyes of the young man he saw that "the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." Round about us all the while are angels guarding us from danger. The reason we do not see them is that we lack spiritual sight. Christ our Defender is nearer than hands and feet. Let us trust Him. True religion is a belief in the supernatural. Lord open our eyes! The Holy Spirit is a reality and is ever with us.

5. The Syrians smitten with blindness (v. 18). The same God who opened the eyes of the young man, blinded the eyes of the Syrians. God deals with men according to their moral attitude. When men will not have the light, God sends darkness.

III. The Syrian Army Trapped (vv. 19-23).

The would-be trappers are now trapped.

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TOWNSEND

W. Hart Scott visited friends in Dover Tuesday.

Mrs. W. P. Wilson was a Philadelphia visitor on Friday.

Harry C. Johnson, of Claymont, was a visitor here on Sunday.

George Jackson, of Philadelphia, was a visitor here on Saturday.

Pierce Aldrich, of Wilmington, visited S. Tinley Scott on Tuesday.

George Medford, of Lewes, visited friends here on Wednesday.

Miss Lillian West spent the week-end as the guest of friends in Newark.

Samuel P. Coursey, of Elkton, Md., was a brief caller in town on Monday.

James Jackson, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with T. B. Schwatka and wife.

Messrs. Joseph C. Hutchison and John T. Timmons were Wilmington visitors on Tuesday.

Frank E. Fiala, of Germantown, Pa., is spending a few days with W. P. Wilson and wife.

William Staats, of Philadelphia, has been paying a visit to his mother, Mrs. Howard Chadwick.

Mrs. L. L. Maloney has returned from Dover, where she attended a luncheon by the Century Club.

Miss Anna Elizabeth Maloney spent part of this week with Miss Florence Martin in Wilmington.

Mrs. John Townsend was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Garrett Othson, of Middletown, on Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Scott and Mrs. L. L. Maloney were Tuesday guests of Mrs. May Scott in Middletown.

Clarence Scarborough and wife, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with her father, D. B. Jones and wife.

Mrs. William Deakney is spending part of the week at the home of James Money and wife, near Mt. Pleasant.

Calvin Outten, of Wilmington, was a week-end visitor at the home of his parents, George M. Outten and wife.

Frank Hutchison and wife, and Mrs. Jefferson, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Brown, of Smyrna, spent Sunday with D. P. Hutchison.

Ducks are seen almost daily coming from the south, which according to some of our aged citizens, is a sure sign of an early Spring.

The Daughters of America have created a new office, that of Assistant Secretary, and have named Mrs. R. R. Reynolds to fill the position.

Mrs. R. R. Reynolds called on Mrs. John Spicer of Middletown, on Tuesday and was also a caller at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Harry Stidham, of Odessa.

Mrs. Andrew Reynolds was a Philadelphia visitor on Monday. While there she called on Mr. S. A. Collins, who is at the Jefferson Hospital under the surgeon's care.

On Tuesday William Moffet, of this town, had word of the death of Mrs. Lida Moffet, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, who has resided there with her daughter for a number of years.

According to reports from builders Townsend is to have the greatest building boom in its history as soon as Spring-like weather will permit beginning the improvements.

Swarthmore Chautauqua will give their series of entertainments beginning Feb. 23rd to 28th, in the School Auditorium. Time of opening in the afternoon will be 2:30; evenings, 8:00. The company will be present at the Sunday service in the M. E. Church.

Thirty dollars a month and board are the wages now being paid by farmers for their help as against \$60 three years ago. According to the figure of the State Agricultural Board, the peak of high wages for farmers was in 1920 when as high as \$4 25 a day was paid in this section or at the rate of \$82 a month.

The Parent-Teachers meeting was well attended last Friday evening. The President, Mr. George Wiegman, gave a very interesting talk on school work. After a vote of thanks was given to those that took part in the entertainment, a neat sum was handed to the Association to be used for the play ground. Sandwiches and cocoa were sold. Proceeds for benefit of the school library.

J. Clarence Hutchison has been recommended for the office of Postmaster of Townsend, having been selected by the Delaware members of Congress for the position on Monday. His appointment is soon to follow and he will probably take up his new duties about March 1st. Mr. Hutchison, who is a staunch Republican, has legions of friends here and elsewhere, all of whom wish him abundant success.

George Walters, a trapper near Taylor's Bridge, reports that the trapping season so far has been an exceptionally good one. Due to the cold weather and lots of snow and ice, these elements having forced muskrats and other fur-bearing animals from their usual feeding grounds to seek food. Mr. Walters has so far caught over 400 muskrats and 12 opossums and he expects to catch at least 100 more before the season ends.

At the February meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society which met at the home of Miss Ethelwyn Maloney, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. William C. Mone; vice president, Mrs. Andrew Reynolds; secretary, Mrs. J. A. Hart; treasurer, Mrs. Richard Hodgson; collectors, Mrs. Walter Lee and Mrs. R. R. Reynolds; paragon committee, Mrs. Sallie Taylor, Miss India Deakney and Miss Ethelwyn Maloney; visiting committee, Mrs. N. B. Donovan and Mrs. Benjamin West.

Woodland Beach, that picturesque resort of a decade ago, is to be opened to the public on or about May 1st, after having been closed for more than 16 years on account of a large part of the causeway leading to the resort being washed out by a series of severe storms that swept the section at that time, devastating the region for miles around. Mr. James R. Mott, the general proprietor, has had a large force of men engaged in rejuvenating the place during the past four months and it is said has expended more than \$20,000 already in repairs and improvements. The resort will probably be opened with a big celebration and other special features.

A big commotion on Taylor street at an early hour of Friday morning aroused the sleeping populace from its slumbers, there being an odd banging noise to cause suspicion that some burglar might be at his job in that section. While the noise residents are said to have grabbed shotguns, revolvers and clubs, the women folks are also said to have grabbed brooms and razors and there followed a real panic among them for quite awhile, until they finally had nerve enough to investigate and then found to their terror that it was only a lone autoist who was using ugly words due to the car stalled in the deep mud and the muddy elements generally. This was followed by going back to their beds with nerves still at a high tension. One witness says some women had falling pins but this cannot be verified.

ODESSA

Miss May Enos spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Duval Rhodes, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. R. Bender spent Sunday with Harry Milbourn.

Mr. Frank Webb, of Philadelphia, spent the week-end with his family.

Miss Alice Reynolds spent Saturday with her grandparents, at Blackbird.

Mrs. Emily Johnson, of Philadelphia, spent the week-end with Mrs. I. G. Webb and family.

Mrs. John Timmons and son, of Townsend, have been spending the week with Mrs. Lee Heller.

Miss Sarah McClain spent part of last week in Wilmington, with her aunt Mrs. John Robertson.

Mr. William Smith has moved into his new home on High street, lately purchased from John Vanhorn.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Cann have moved from the boulevard to Mrs. Duggan's house on High street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ennis and his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Ennis have moved into the double house of Mrs. Hurd's on 6th street. Mr. Joe Simper has moved into the house vacated by Mrs. Elizabeth Ennis, on High street.

WARWICK

Mrs. T. P. Devine has been visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Sunday School Sunday morning at 9:30; evening service at 7 P. M. Every-one welcome.

William Johns and wife were Philadelphia visitors on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Harry Unruh, wife and little daughter, Helen, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. Reed and wife.

Mr. Maxey Hland, of near New Castle, spent several days this week at the home of William Vinyard.

Mrs. Hampton Johns attended the Wilmington Century Club on Tuesday with members of the Middletown Club assisting in the reciprocity meeting.

On Wednesday Mrs. Johns was a guest at the club luncheon at Smyrna.

Word has been received here that Mr. R. B. Merritt, Sr., who has been critically ill for sometime at the home of relatives in Baltimore, underwent an operation at one of the city hospitals and is doing as well as can be expected.

SUMMIT BRIDGE

Miss Helen Blackburn spent Tuesday with Mrs. Walter Deputy.

Miss Margaret Clark spent Tuesday with Miss Corinne Vansant.

Mrs. Frank Kronenier spent Wednesday with her brother, Benjamin Pleasanton.

Mr. Barton Hopkins and family, of New Castle, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Marker.

Mr. Edward Pleasanton, of Laurel, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Pleasanton.

Miss Katherine Hopkins, of Middletown, spent the week-end with the Misses Mildred and Beulah Ratledge.

The Rev. Jones, the Home Missionary worker of Wilmington, gave a very interesting talk Sunday afternoon in the M. E. church here. Do not forget the services next Sunday by the pastor J. C. McCoy. Everyone welcome.

STATE AND PENINSULA

Harrington firemen have organized a social club.

A parent-teacher association has been organized with 128 members at Ellendale.

Wood choppers in Sussex county have agreed to reduce their wages from \$2 a cord to \$1.25.

West Methodists of Dover are considering the erection of a community hall in the rear of the church.

Construction of buildings in Wilmington for January was 49 per cent. ahead of the record of January, 1921.

The typhoid and scarlet fever quarantines in Newark have been lifted, and the situation is reported decidedly improved.

Dr. Herbert J. Watson, owing to increased duties as State bacteriologist, has resigned as secretary of the New York Board of Health.

Dr. Frank Layton Grier, of Milford, has been appointed a trustee of the University of Delaware, to succeed Edward D. Hearn, deceased.

Members of the Georgetown New Century Club will present the play, "Patty Makes Things Hum," March 1, to raise money for the new clubhouse.

At an expense of nearly \$4,000, the North East Methodist Episcopal Church has been renovated and recarpeted, and will be ready for services by March 1st.

R. G. Finney, of the Comptroller's office, Washington, has been appointed receiver for the Second National Bank of Elkton, Md., which closed its doors January 20.

The Harlap plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company, in Wilmington, has received a contract for a steel two-masted auxiliary schooner yacht from a New York architect.

The Elkton High School Athletic Association has elected E. Roy Deibert president; Paul Calvert, secretary; George Kay, captain of the baseball team; E. Roy Deibert, manager.

Chicken pox appearing in the homes of several New Castle families, the Board of Health has ordered the Williams Street School closed. Five cases of scarlet fever have developed in the city.

Councilman Wilson and Beals, of Newark, have been appointed a committee by the Town Council to consult with officials of the Wilmington & Philadelphia Traction Company relative to renewing the lease for electric current.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Committee of the Milford Hospital has elected these officers: Chairman, Mrs. J. Stanley Short; vice chairman, Mrs. George H. Hall; secretary, Mrs. Herman Johnson; treasurer, Mrs. L. W. Betts, of Frederick.

J. F. Creedon and Dr. J. R. Portens representing the Bureau of Animal Husbandry, United States Department of Agriculture, are making tubercular tests of cattle in the vicinity of Newark and a number of cattle have been destroyed.

At the monthly meeting of Walter L. Fox Post, American Legion, of Dover, a surprise was given the members when Miss Katie Fox, sister of the hero for whom the post is named, presented a large oil portrait of him and it has been hung in the headquarters.

Dr. E. W. Ryan, of Wilmington, harshly criticizes the Health Board for keeping the public schools closed so long. He asserts that two or three years ago there was an outbreak of scarlet fever worse than now prevailing, and that little attention was paid to it. All that is needed, he says, is a strict enforcement of quarantine regulations.

BAD PAPER IN BANK WRECK

The following notice was posted on the door of the Second National Bank of Elkton, Md., this week:

"Closed by order of the Comptroller of the Currency," R. Gordon Finney, Receiver.

This notice replaced the following notice which has appeared on the same door for three weeks:

"This bank closed by order of board of directors," Charles A. Stewart, Examiner.

Thus the affairs of the institution will be in the hands of Federal officers. It means that the investigation conducted by Charles A. Stewart, examiner, and Joseph Gevea, of the Department of Justice, has practically been completed. These officials, however, have persistently refused to make any statement as to what has been disclosed. No less than 100 persons have been summoned to verify their transactions with the bank, the books showing that they had notes discounted since 1918. In many cases the witness denied absolutely that they ever had notes discounted. A peculiar thing about all these transactions is none of the notes have been found. The other notes, held by the bank, and which for some time have been carried as assets, termed as "slow investments" amount to about \$100,000. It is understood that but a very small percentage of this paper is collectable. Probably the only person who can explain these transactions satisfactorily is William T. Waburton, president of the bank, who is critically ill, with slight prospects for recovery.

The hope entertained by the depositors that it would be reorganized and reopened for business has vanished. The question now persistently asked by the depositors is how much they will get back.

SPECIAL COURSE FOR TEACHERS

In response to a request from the supervisors and teachers of the county, the University of Delaware is offering for next semester an extension course in the development of modern educational theory and practice. This class will be held in the Wilmington High School and will be open to any New Castle county or Wilmington teacher. The course will be given by Miss Mamie E. Rohr, assistant professor of education at the university, who has already given in previous years several extension courses for Wilmington and the county teachers. The class will meet on Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 6:10 o'clock, and students successfully completing the course will receive two or three points of college credit, according to the number of meetings of the class. The tuition fee will be \$10. Miss Rohr hopes to have in the class many of the teachers who, by working out practical projects in geography, under her direction, are helping her in the preparation of a book on the Technique of the Project Method. She expects to draw her illustrative material for this course largely from the field of geography, in order that it may be specially helpful to these teachers.

At the end of the course the tuition fee will be returned to each member of the class who will have worked out with her class and written up a geography project good enough to be used by Miss Rohr as illustrative material in her book.

The first meeting of the class was held Friday at 3:30 o'clock.

PREDICTS PRICES WILL SOAR

Higher prices of practically all commodities for this year were predicted by William Maxwell, first vice-president of Thomas A. Edison, Inc., before the Edison Jobbers' Association at the Waldorf-Astoria recently.

The stage is set for a secondary period of inflation, he said. "I don't think it is a good thing, but it is seemingly inevitable and the plans of business men should take it into account."

"There are numerous law makers who are frankly striving to bring about a temporary inflation by appropriating public money for public improvements."

"A bonus will probably be voted to the soldiers by Congress, but irrespective of this, our wages, reaching perhaps close to \$2,000,000,000, are likely to be authorized by States and municipalities as extraordinary expenditures on public works."

"I expect the prices of practically all commodities to strengthen materially, and I shall not be surprised if we see \$1.50 wheat, 75 cent corn and 20 cent cotton before July 1."

"Obviously, increased business activity will tend to check the liquidation of labor."

"We should not make our plans for the present year with the thought in mind that it is bound to be a dull year. We should not repeat the error which was made by so many in the spring of 1919."—N. Y. Exchange.

CATTLE SALE MARCH 14TH

The Holstein-Friesian consignment sale which was to be March 8 will be held Tuesday, March 14. The change of date is due to an unavoidable delay in getting the catalogues off the press.

This will be one of the highest class Holstein-Friesian sales ever held in Delaware. Every animal consigned is from a federal accredited herd, a herd that has passed at least one clean test under federal supervision.

Thirty-three head which have been selected out of sixty entries will be sold. Col. George Baxter, the famous Holstein-Friesian auctioneer, from Elmira, New York, will conduct the sale.

The blood of Wintertur Bess Burke Best will be found in the pedigrees of some of the animals consigned. This bull is considered by authorities the cream of the Holstein-Friesian Breed. He is out of the noted cow Bess Burke 21 and sired by the famous King of the Ormskays.

Another of the prominent consignments at the sale is a daughter of King of the Pontiacs. To Holstein breeders little more need be said. This bull is the greatest sire of the breed, having produced more A. R. O. daughters than any other bull of the breed. This bull is now dead and opportunities to secure the off spring are daily growing fewer.

The eleven consignments made by P. R. Messick of Middletown are all sired by a son of Sir Inka Prilly Segis, a bull with over 80 A. R. O. daughters and the number increasing monthly.

NOTICE!

Dog License Tags for 1922 are on sale at the Town Office. All Dogs must be registered on or before March 1, 1922. Male Dogs, \$2.00; Female Dogs, \$3.00. D. W. STEVENS, Clerk.

Classified Column

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Monarch Beaver No. 8 range with warming closet, almost new. R. M. MOORE, Middletown, Delaware.

FOR SALE—Sixty egg Buckeye incubator only used one season. \$8.00 will buy it. Apply to THE TRANSCRIPT OFFICE.

FOR SALE—One "Queen" heater and large hover for brooder house, has only been used one season, in first-class condition. 200 chick capacity. Will be sold cheap. Apply to TRANSCRIPT OFFICE.

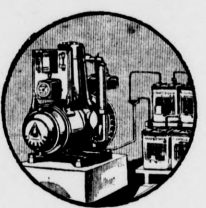
BARGAIN AUTO TIRES—I will sell for about 1/2 price, 6 auto tires left when I closed my New Castle garage: Two 32x4 1/2 tires, \$12.50 each; four 32x3 1/2 tires, \$10.00 each. Call at GLOBE CUT PRICE MEAT STORE, North Broad street, Middletown.

REAL ESTATE

If you are looking for a House or Farm. Call to see JOHN HELMYER, JR., Real Estate Broker, Main street, Middletown, Del.

NOTICE—I wish to inform the public that I will prosecute any person or persons who are found guilty of harboring my son Ellis Gonce, who is a minor. WILLIAM GONCE, Townsend, Delaware.

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A complete modern bathroom, electric vacuum cleaner, electric iron, bright lights in every room of the house and in all parts of the barn, in fact all city comforts and conveniences may be yours when you install Delco-Light.

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EARLY SPRING NEWS

THIS week's advertisement of Fogel's Department Store, is devoted exclusively to the interests of our Lady Patrons—their wishes and their needs. March is but three days off, and all the signs of bird, insect and plant life point to an early Spring. And, just as the birds and flowers are preparing their new Spring costumes, so the ladies are thinking about their new spring suits and hats. We have been forehanded in getting ready with the very latest and best Ladies' Spring Millinery goods and Wearing Apparel and are happy to announce that prices for all these articles are materially lower than last year's although those were much lower than they had been for several years.

Our 1922 Ladies' Spring Hats

To illustrate: For the past few years a first-class Spring Hat for a lady sold for \$10.00 up, and even last year's cost \$7.50. Now, we are selling this same grade of Spring Hats, of the very latest styles, handsome, well-made creations, for \$5 and others, starting at \$1.98 to higher figures.

Ladies' Sport Hats

We have just received a full line of jaunty Sport Hats, all in the latest fashions and of so many different patterns, we are sure we can satisfy all tastes for becoming headgear for ladies—and at popular prices. \$1.98 to \$3.98. We cordially invite you to call and see them. Our regular Millinery Opening will be duly announced later.

FOGEL'S Dept. Store

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE



A Pioneer is "one who goes before, as into the wilderness, preparing the way for others to follow."

It is not always necessary that he wear a coonskin cap and carry a rifle.

When the young Alexander Graham Bell forty-six years ago first sent a voice over a wire by means of an electric current he was a Pioneer, going forth into the little known wilderness of electrical science.

Since that day every development of the telephone has been a pioneering feat. There have been no guide posts to point out the way; no route maps to show which were the smooth roads and which the rough ones.

And Bell Telephone "pioneers" who are today planning for millions of subscribers five, ten and twenty years hence are "preparing the way for others to follow."

Every community served by the Bell System profits by this arrangement. A discovery in California, Texas or Maine is at once available right here in our own state. If the pioneers in our company find something to improve telephone service it is at the disposal of every office in the system where it might properly be used.

Only by such an organization has the Bell System of today been made possible, and only by its continuance is future progress assured.

THE DIAMOND STATE TELEPHONE CO.

E. P. BARDO



District Manager

Town Election!

TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN

An annual Election of the Tax-Payers of said Town will be held at the office of Daniel W. Stevens, Justice of the Peace, on South Broad Street, in Middletown, Delaware, on

Monday, March 6, '22

Polls Open at 1 P. M. and Close at 4 P. M.

For the purpose of electing Two Commissioners for Two years respectively.

One person for Assessor, One person for Treasurer and One person for Alderman to serve One year.

The majority of the Commissioners and the Assessor must be Freeholders.

DANIEL W. STEVENS, Justice of the Peace, Middletown, Del., February 8th, 1922.

Sales to Take Place

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1922—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Harry S. Brady, at his residence one-half mile south of Mt. Pleasant, Delaware. Racine and Blackburn, Auctioneers.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15th, 1922—Public Sale of an accredited herd of 60 head of Pure-Bred and Grade Holstein Dairy Cattle by Jehu Alfrey, at his residence five miles south of Middletown, Del.

Chamberlain's Tablets For Indigestion and Constipation

"The nicest and pleasantest medicine I have used for indigestion and constipation is Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Melard F. Craig, Middle Grove, N. Y. They work like a charm and do not cripe or leave any unpleasant effect.

MIDDLETOWN'S OLDEST SHOEMAKEKR

To The Public

For over 40 years I have acceptably served Middletown and vicinity with first-class shoemaking and repairing. Now, equipped with the latest machinery, I am prepared to do all kinds of shoe repairing for men, women and children quickly and well, and for prices as low as the lowest when workmanship and materials are considered. I believe that my record will secure for me a fair share of the public's business.

FREDERICK BLOME

North Broad Street.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.